



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held October 21, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Antonovich:

“The California Legislature has placed on the November 2008 ballot, Proposition 1A, the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, which would finance construction of a High-Speed Rail system in California. Proposition 1A will put California on track to build a clean, efficient high-speed rail network connecting all of the State’s major population centers and will allow the State to raise \$9.95 billion in bond funding for a private-public partnership that will benefit California and its residents by making the most of every dollar California invests by allowing the bond money to be used only after private and Federal dollars are raised for the project.

“Proposition 1A will also provide the following benefits to the County of Los Angeles:

1. Ease congestion on our highways and in our airports - with three of the Nation’s top five congested metropolitan areas, congestion costs California some \$20 billion in wasted fuel and lost time each year. High-speed trains will remove millions of car miles from our packed highways and millions of passengers from our stressed airports;
2. Save valuable energy - high-speed trains use one-third of the energy of air travel and one-fifth of the energy of auto travel, combined that could reduce our dependence on foreign oil by up to 12.7 million barrels per year;
3. Help clean and protect California’s environment by annually eliminating more than 12 billion pounds of the greenhouse gas emissions that causes global warming. This is equal to removing more than a million cars from our roads for a year; and

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4. Create new jobs - the plan, design and build phases of the 800-mile long network will create as many as 160,000 new construction-related jobs in California, and more than 400,000 additional permanent jobs are expected to be created as a result of economic growth the new system will bring."

Valerie Martinez and Arnold Sachs addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Expressed firm support of Proposition 1A, The Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, which is on the November 2008 ballot;
2. Urged all voters to support this measure; and
3. Authorized the listing of Los Angeles County in formal support of Proposition 1A as a member of the Californians For High Speed Trains Coalition.

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